

Chino Hills State Park

Volunteer Opportunities



Our Mission. To provide for the health, inspiration and education of the people of California by helping to preserve the state's extraordinary biological diversity, protecting its most valued natural and cultural resources, and creating opportunities for high-quality outdoor recreation.

Volunteers are vital to the operation of all our programs. From helping teach kids to assisting with daily maintenance responsibilities, we simply could not do it without them!

What will I do as a volunteer?

- **Education Volunteers** assist our staff with running our interactive education field trip programs for schools Monday through Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- **Public Program Volunteers** assist our staff with running Discovery Center public hours and special events Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- **Volunteer Grounds Assistant** assists with maintaining the Discovery Center grounds including the Discovery Trail and the Rolling M. Ranch Native Plant Trail along with seasonal planting opportunities in our Native Plant Nursery when projects become available.
- **Trail Ambassador** hike the trails and interact with visitors in an official capacity. Trail Ambassadors also submit regular reports on trail conditions and visitor interactions after each shift.

What are some of the benefits of volunteering?

- Training conducted by experienced staff
- A comprehensive volunteer handbook
- Enrichment lectures and social events just for volunteers
- Working side by side with a fantastic team of staff and volunteers
- Annual volunteer parking passes based on number of hours logged
 - 100 hours for an Inland Empire District pass
 - 200 hours for a statewide pass



How do I apply to join the volunteer team?

We encourage applications from all persons representing many diverse backgrounds

Step 1: Requirements

- All volunteers must be 18 years or older. Younger volunteers will be accepted when accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- No prior experience is necessary; however, we look for applicants who are reliable, enthusiastic, and eager to learn and teach others.
- All prospective volunteers must schedule an interview.
- Must be able to complete the training course.

Step 2: Orientation/Open House

- We encourage volunteers to attend an orientation/open house, where you will have the chance to meet current staff, check out the exhibits and learn about volunteering. The orientation is highly recommended, but not required.

Step 3: The Application Process

- All applicants must schedule an on-site interview. At that time, you will fill out an application and do your interview. Please see the contact information below, and get in touch with us today! The top candidates will be accepted into the volunteer program.

Step 4: Training

- All accepted volunteers complete our 6-hour training course (offered twice a year, usually in February and July). In the three-day training course, new volunteers have a chance to learn about the natural and cultural history of the park, and proper interpretation and visitor interaction techniques.

Step 5: Welcome to Volunteering!

- We ask that all volunteers dedicate at least 8 hours a month for at least one year. Most volunteers maintain a weekly or bi-weekly schedule of 4 hours per shift.

Contact Us Today

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